

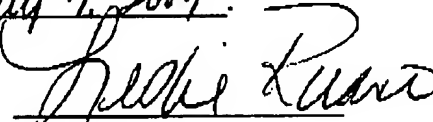
## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Stuart Lawson  
Serial No: 10/009,474  
Filed: November 16, 2001  
For: A VALVE ASSEMBLY WITH DAMPER MEANS  
Group: 3753  
Examiner: Ramesh Krishnamurthy  
Docket No: GJ-225J

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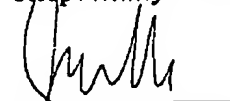
  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN THE SECOND MONTH

Applicant respectfully petitions that he be granted an extension of time within the second month, until May 17, 2004, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a), and 1.7, to file a Response to the Office Action mailed December 17, 2003. Our check in the amount of \$210.00 is enclosed for the fee for a small entity to obtain this extension.

If for any reason this Petition is found to be incomplete, or if at any time it appears that a telephone conference with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts, (781) 890-5678.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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